GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Visa Provision between India and China
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether India has included China in the list of countries which have been extended the facilities of electronics tourist visa on arrival and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether China has pressed for lifting restrictions on conference and research visa as well and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether China is yet to respond India's demand to offer a similar arrangement for its citizens and if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether China has assured that they are working on a mechanism that would ease visa restrictions for Indians; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) Yes, electronic tourist visa (e-TV) facility has been extended to the nationals of China w.e.f. the 30th of July, 2015.

(b) During official meetings and discussions, the Chinese officials have brought up the issue of delays in obtaining Indian Conference and Research visas from time to time.

(c) to (e) Our Embassy in China has not come across any difficulty faced by Indian nationals in obtaining Chinese visas for Conference/Research purposes. All visa related matters are discussed through the mechanism of "Consular Dialogue" between the two countries on a regular basis.